

To Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2311 without my signature.

In the beginning of my administration I directed Secretary Tamminen to establish a working group to develop green building bank initiatives for both public and private buildings. Members of the working group include public sector decision makers, commercial real estate business owners and managers, energy experts and financial managers. The group is currently developing recommendations for a comprehensive program to dramatically advance energy conservation as well as incorporate other green building principles into commercial buildings.

This bill is largely identical to an executive order passed in the prior administration. This order has not been rescinded and is still in effect. Since this bill would codify much of an existing executive order, it would not improve upon existing efforts to increase adoption of sustainable building practices in California.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger